

Nominate your Community Champion now



Do you know someone who's making a difference within the community of North Kesteven through their kind consideration and voluntary endeavour? And have you always thought 'they deserve a medal' for what they do?

The next best thing is an NK Community Champion Award, backed by community-minded businesses within the District and co-ordinated by North Kesteven District Council.

Across 11 categories, this year we're looking to champion:

- Community spirit
- Young Achievers
- Community Businesses
- Contribution to climate action, arts & culture, sport, a better environment and

Welcome to this e-NewsNK

It's where you'll find all of the latest news from North Kesteven District Council and partners.

Enjoy the pop-up beach in Sleaford from next week



Get your buckets and spades ready for fun at the pop-up beach in Sleaford Market Place next week.

The pop-up beach will open on August 20 and remain in Sleaford Market Place until September 4. Our mini-version was also a big success at this year's [Heckington Show](#) (see pic below).

The pop-up beach will be open to the public throughout the two weeks that it's there, with striped deckchairs to sit and chill on by day, and buckets and spades which can be picked up from Market Square Café and Restaurant.

On Saturday, August 23, the fun continues with free helter-skelter rides, Punch and Judy performances, music by Chelsey Bamford, free face painting, a 'Yard Putz' putting green and a Bubbleologist. There'll also be free craft

- health & wellbeing
- Good neighbours
- Longstanding contributions to a single group or organisation

And there's a new category this year to complement the Chair's charitable theme to celebrate Contribution to Animal Welfare.

There's a category to capture all manner of expressions of voluntary action undertaken tirelessly, quietly and selflessly for the benefit of people and communities within North Kesteven.

It could be by supporting neighbours, befriending, contributing to a sports or art club, picking litter, maintaining paths, supporting those in need, contributing freely in a myriad ways, changing lifestyles and business practice to reduce climate impacts or going over and above in any way that brings broad benefit or community enrichment.

There's so much amazing activity being undertaken daily that we want to acknowledge, celebrate and champion – but we can only do it if you tell us about it.

Nominations can be made at www.NKawards.org where there is more detail or using the form [here](#). Deadline is 12pm on September 16.

Free fruit trees for communities - deadline nears

activities, Teenage Market stalls, and a live Red Arrow-themed sand sculpture.

[Read the full story here.](#)



VJ Day events in the District



VE Day commemorations in May. Courtesy of the Sleaford Standard.

Services of Remembrance will take place across the District commemorating the 80th anniversary of VJ Day on Friday, August 15.

Victory over Japan Day marks the surrender of Japanese forces, which in effect ended the Second World War.

See more information about events in the District [here](#).



Following its success last winter, we are pleased to relaunch the community orchard scheme for planting in late 2025 to early 2026.

We are offering free fruit trees to establish community orchards in North Kesteven as part of the Coronation Living Heritage Fund.

Sites should be accessible to the public to some extent (e.g. amenity land, parks, village greens) and there should be plans for community engagement (such as tree planting, fruit picking). Trees are offered alongside stakes, guards and ties in packs of five, but if you have space, please do apply for more than one pack.

You can find information on the scheme and a link to the application form on our [Trees for Communities](#) webpage. The deadline for applications is 12pm on Monday, August 18. Please note, priority will be given to new orchards, as well as to locations and groups that have not previously received fruit trees from NKDC.

Heritage strategy for North Kesteven

North Kesteven District Council is hoping to implement the District's first Heritage Strategy, as well as a District-wide Shopfront Design Guide.

Lincolnshire Mayor visits the Council



We were pleased to welcome Dame Andrea Jenkyns, Mayor of Greater Lincolnshire, for a productive meeting at our Council offices last week.

The Mayor spent time with Council officials, including Council Leader Cllr Richard Wright and Chief Executive Kath Marriott, to discuss many of the Mayor's areas of interest including skills, transport and infrastructure and how they link in with the work of the Council and the priorities for North Kesteven.

The Mayor also shared information about the forthcoming 'Great Exhibition' which will highlight the unique range of businesses and opportunities in Greater Lincolnshire.

[Read the full story here.](#)

New Community RePaint store in Sleaford

We are currently consulting on the draft strategy and design guide documents, which can be found in the [Heritage Strategy](#) and [Shopfront Design Guide](#).

The consultation process will continue until August 31, 2025.

Submit a comment

If you would like to submit a comment, please complete our [online response form](#).

Alternatively, responses can be emailed to the Conservation and Heritage Teams at Planning@n-kesteven.gov.uk or by post to: Conservation Officer, Planning Department, NKDC, Kesteven Street, Sleaford, NG34 7EF.

All comments will be considered at the North Kesteven Executive Board meeting in September 2025.

Play the NK Community Lottery and help local good causes

The NK Community Lottery has seen another £2,000 winner, the second in just four months, in the weekly draw that raises money for good causes.

Tickets for the lottery cost just £1 per week, with a top prize of £25,000. Other prizes include £2,000, £250 and £25.

A weekly draw takes place every Saturday night and if



Sleaford residents have another opportunity to live sustainably through a new Community RePaint Store at the Pride Parkway Household Waste Recycling Centre.

The store, which opened last month, gives residents access to free, reusable paint.

The Community RePaint initiative collects unused and leftover paint that would otherwise go to waste and makes it available to local people completely free of charge.

[Read the full story here.](#)

Annual Canvass is underway



The 'Annual Canvass' enables North Kesteven District

you can match all six numbers then you win the jackpot – [see more information here](#) about searching for a good cause to support and how to start raising money.

From every £1 ticket you buy, 60p will go to local good causes in North Kesteven and towards improving our community. With just 50 tickets a week groups can raise £1,300 every year.

See our latest press release [here](#).

Noise monitoring for Lost Village

The four-day music and arts event Lost Village in Norton Disney, alongside the A46, starts next week/today (running between August 21-24, 2025).

The Council issues a licence and stipulates noise limits, which must not be exceeded. We will also be deploying Environmental Health Officers to monitor noise levels off-site.

The event organisers employ their own independent consultancy team to monitor noise levels at agreed locations during the festival.

If you are nearby and believe too much noise is coming from the site, you can contact:-

- North Kesteven District Council (24 hours a day) on 01529 414155, or
- There's a 24-hour Community Impact

Council to keep the electoral register up to date, and helps ensure that everyone eligible is given the opportunity to vote.

The Canvass identifies any residents who are not registered to vote so that they can be encouraged to do so, and removes any persons no longer living at a property. By law people must register on the electoral register even if they are not planning to vote. Being on the register can also increase an individual's credit score.

Emails were sent out to over 30,000 households during the week commencing July 21, 2025, and all other households will receive a Canvass communication form in either August or September. Please read all communications carefully and respond as soon as possible.

[Read the full story here.](#)

Don't forget to take part in the LGR Survey

A reminder to fill in a quick, easy-access survey to help gauge your initial thoughts on Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) - and help to shape a proposal that works for residents.

In a nutshell, Government seeks to abolish current county and district council structures and create fewer, larger unitary councils that take on these authorities' services going forward from 2028.

So far, four main proposals for how this might fit together have been put forward. At this stage our initial light-touch engagement isn't going into that level of detail. That will follow in September.

To access the survey, find out more about LGR and learn more about the proposals visit our [dedicated page](#).

Food Waste Collection Service

At Heckington Show we chatted to hundreds of people to explain more about the new food waste service that's coming from March 30, 2026.

We showcased the two small caddies that will be provided

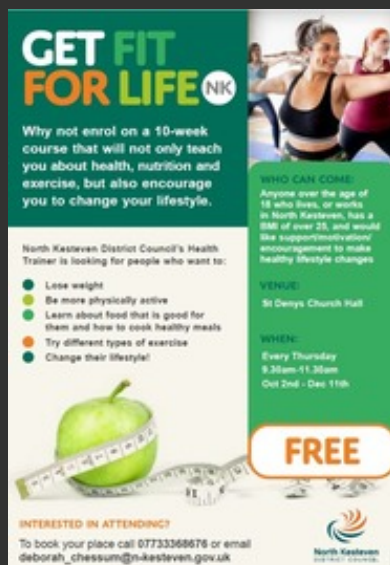
number you can reach the Lost Village event team on – 01522 719101.

Lost Village has undertaken a number of changes since last year's event, including reorienting an additional stage, reducing late-night sound and adding a second Community Liaison Officer.

Two short firework displays will occur at the following times:

- Friday, August 22 (four minutes between 9.15pm-9.30pm)
- Sunday, August 24 (five minutes between 9.35pm-9.55pm)

Get Fit For Life



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Why not enrol on a 10-week course that will not only teach you about health, nutrition and exercise, but also encourage you to change your lifestyle.

North Kesteven District Council's Health Trainer is looking for people who want to:

- Lose weight
- Be more physically active
- Learn about food that is good for them and how to cook healthy meals
- Try different types of exercise
- Change their lifestyle!

WHO CAN COME:
Anyone over the age of 18 who lives, or works, in North Kesteven, has a BMI of over 25, and would like support/motivation/encouragement to make healthy lifestyle changes.

VENUE:
St Denys Church Hall

WHEN:
Every Thursday
9.30am-11.30am
Oct 2nd - Dec 11th

FREE

INTERESTED IN ATTENDING?
To book your place call 01773 336676 or email deborah_chessum@n-kesteven.gov.uk

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Emergency alert

A UK-wide emergency alert test will take place on Sunday, September 7, 2025 at 3pm. Mobile phones will emit a loud siren and vibrate

for indoor and outdoor use and the type of little vehicle you'll see in your street, and also explained all about simpler recycling.

People were overwhelmingly very positive about the introduction of food waste, which is mandated by government, with many saying they understood the importance of making the best use of waste, or that they had already experienced it elsewhere and were looking forward to resuming the habit of sorting out food waste to produce renewable biogas and fertiliser, reducing carbon emissions and supporting local agriculture.

There's a new webpage detailing the ins and outs of the new service, including a handy downloadable leaflet, [here](#).

We'll be sharing lots more information as we get closer to rolling out the caddies, but for now we're keen that you're as familiar with everything as can be. You can sign up for a waste-specific newsletter [here](#).

Commitment to climate action strengthened through strategic response that puts people at its heart



Leaders at North Kesteven District Council have re-stated their commitment and active participation in finding local solutions that will continue to address the changing climate and support residents and businesses to do so too.

In approving an update to the authority's Climate Response Strategy, the Executive Board has reinforced and maintained long-held carbon reduction ambitions, identifying that the benefits of doing so would ultimately help the district to be more resilient to the changing climate.

[Read the full story here.](#)

- even if they're on silent.

Whilst these alerts aim to protect the public in emergencies, they could put victim-survivors of domestic abuse at risk — especially those who rely on hidden phones as part of their safety plan.

Please know, you **CAN** opt out of this test.

If you need to disable alerts for safety reasons, follow the [steps here](#).

Appeal for youth panel volunteers

Fearless, part of Crimestoppers, has opened applications for their 2025/26 Youth Panel.

The Youth Panel is made up of young people aged 13-17 from across the UK who volunteer their time to help shape the work done by Fearless.

The Panel meets every six weeks or so to talk about all things Fearless, including ideas for campaigns, opinions on local crime issues and emerging trends, and how to reach and engage with young people.

To apply to be on the panel, complete a [short application form](#) here by August 31, 2025. For any queries regarding the application form, please email fearless@crimestoppers-uk.org

Council grant schemes

The Council has various grant schemes available and they're closing soon on September 30. Share with a business or community group who might benefit:

- **Events Grant** – supporting new events, or existing events looking to grow. Grants from £500 to £5,000 are available and can include capital and most revenue costs. Please note the event must be held in North Kesteven.— [see more information here](#).
- **Flourishing Communities Grant (FCG)** – supporting community sector organisations with projects designed to make communities healthier, safer and more inclusive, providing funds by way of small grants up to £1,500. This fund is for capital projects only – [see more information here](#).
- **Business Energy and Resources Grant** - helping small and micro businesses to reduce energy costs and improve resource efficiency by supporting them with investment in new technology. Capital grants of at least £5,000 are available - [see more information here](#).

See more information about all of our council grants [here](#).

What would you like to see in e-News NK?

We really appreciate you taking the time to read e-News NK and hope you find these e-newsletters useful.

What content would you prefer to read more about? If there is a topic or issue you'd like to see more in your newsletters please contact communications@n-kesteven.gov.uk.

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Lots of the Council's services are also available [online](#) anytime.